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AMENDMENT, UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2001 (Paper No. 6)(herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-8. Please amend the claims to read as follows (details of claim amendments included herewith):

1. (Amended) A method of treating an acute wound using a wound dressing as a substitute for a biological dressing or skin graft comprising the steps of

- a) applying the wound dressing to the wound; and
- b) allowing the wound dressing to adhere to the wound for a period of time effective to promote epithelial outgrowth and effective to promote vertical wicking into the dressing, wherein the wound dressing comprises highly absorbent fibers.

9. (Amended) The method of treating a wound according to claim 1 wherein the wound dressing comprises highly absorbent fibers selected from the group consisting of alginates, viscose, modified cellulose, cellulose, polyester, polypropylene and

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co-polymers thereof, pectin, chitosan, hyaluronic acid or mixtures thereof, which dressing adheres to the wound while allowing outgrowth of the wound epithelium during treatment.